

Amendments To The Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention:

Page 1, line 6, insert the following:

2. Description of the Related Art:

Page 3, line 16, insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, line 22, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective sectional view of a segment of a solid oxide fuel cell of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a perspective sectional view of a segment of a solid oxide fuel cell of the present invention with a thickness defined by a rim.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Page 4, replace lines 9-11 with the following paragraph:

In a further embodiment, the dense electrolyte layer also covers the rim 14 of the porous elements or solely the rims which are ~~being~~ parallel with the elongated gas channels, as shown in Fig. 2.